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RE: PROPOSED RELAXATION OF REGULATIONS RE MEDIA OWNERSHIP

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Dear Mr. Powell -

I number myself among the millions of American citizens who energetically seek diverse and independent information from our "free press," which is so important to a healthy citizenry. The strength and security of our country is dependent upon an informed citizenry which honors and respects our nation, our leadership, and our sources of information ~~for~~ transparency of governance. We know full well that the public interest is not being served but is being manipulated by corporate powers for whom journalistic integrity is not the issue, but rather market entertainment and profit. To allow further expansion of these media outlets will deprive us even more of the access we know we are entitled to by our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

If greed for power and money is a normal human condition which is allowed excesses in the democratic society, that is the necessary function of the regulatory discipline which represents the protection of that same society.

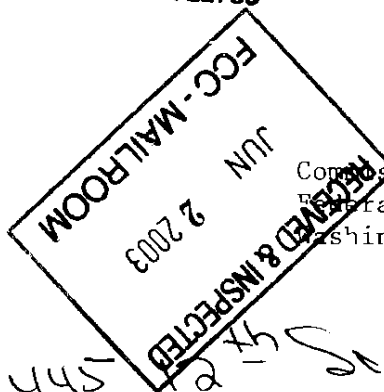
Does it occur to you that something must be terribly wrong in the coverage of the War on Iraq in that: we are shown ad infinitum the mechanical aspect of our aggression, the hoodlum aspect of the Iraqi people, but nothing of the wounded women and children and aged - the innocents whose lives have been shattered, an inevitable consequence of the powerful weaponry unleashed upon them. Shouldn't we be made aware of this aspect of our power, and reflect upon it as we pay up the costs?

I hope you will take a stand and prevent further deregulation of media. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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